

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel

(26) In the matter of AT&T Communications - Docket No. N2004.12.203: On December 29, 2004 AT &T filed tariff transmittal 2004-22. The purpose of this filing is to make the following changes; 1) Grandfather Value Block and increase the minutes included in the plan to 140, 2) Move rates currently found in the description section to the rate section for the AT &T Unlimited plan, 3) Change the name of the AT &T One Rate \$.10 Calling Card Plan and grandfather this plan, and 4) Grandfather the AT & T Unlimited Weekend Plan and the AT & T Unlimited Sundays Plan.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve tariff transmittal 2004-22. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(27) In the matter of T-04.55.PCN: On September 20, 2004 The C.E.T.A. Group LLC, Great Falls, Montana submitted an application for intrastate operating authority. That application was noticed to the public and protests were received. The applicant requests that the docket be closed and the application withdrawn.

Commissioner Schneider granted the applicant's request to close the docket and withdraw the application. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(28) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 10, 2005. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan

(29) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Sagebrush Cellular - Expedite an approved NXX effective date:

Commissioner Schneider moved to decline the PSC's involvement in this issue given the factual circumstances of saving only a few days. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Molnar voted nay.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney

(30) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of United Energy Trading, LLC Application for Natural Gas Supplier License - Docket No. N2004.12.199:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve United Energy Trading's application for Natural Gas Supplier License in Docket No. N2004.12.199. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

Robin McHugh, Administrator
Legal Division

(31) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Budget/Travel:

Commissioner Schneider moved to authorize Monica Tranel and Marla Larson to attend the NARUC winter meetings in Washington DC February 13-16, 2005. Commissioner Schneider also moved to authorize Will Rosquist's travel to the NARUC portfolio planning workshop in Washington, DC February 12-13. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan

(32) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE Bankruptcy:

Commissioner Schneider moved to authorize payment for the PSC to participate in the upcoming telephonic conference hearing concerning NWE's bankruptcy. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney

(33) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the 2005 Legislative Session:

Commissioner Schneider moved that the MPSC assist in the drafting of LC 0922 and seek approval of legislation that requires at least 5 year rate review filings by regulated utilities with the full burden of persuasion and documents production. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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